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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Your Meeting with Mr. Dulles and [redacted]

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I have these thoughts which may serve to point up my concern that you have clearly in mind what the [redacted] means on certain points.

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1. His philosophy on basic research, as opposed to applied research.
2. To what degree should this research and development function proceed at the initiative of the researchers, as opposed to responsiveness to bona fide requirements submitted by the operators?
3. The possibility of getting applied research directed on a priority basis from authoritative operations sources.
4. The proportion of basic research to the total and the nature of some of these proposed studies, such as page 38, Item IV A 2, "Controlling the rainfall, causing draught in some cases and floods in others....."; such as Item IV A 3, "Ocean currents - Studies to disturb the natural ocean currents should be conducted... .." The proposal calls for [redacted] in applied research and development and [redacted] in basic research.
5. The size of the program itself. In this connection, you should recall that Congress takes a dim view of research as such, due to its conviction of duplication among the agencies of Government. Get the [redacted] views on duplication. Also, just in passing, we should remember that, in spite of the classified nature of such work, every now and then knowledge of it will get out, and, of course, the larger the program, the greater is such liability. This last is just an alert.
6. The relationship of TSS research and development to Commo engineering.

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7. [redacted] firm philosophy of operating within this field with this money, without any supervisory controls whatsoever. His answer to gentle pokes on this point, which I made with him, is along the line that a quarterly or semi-annual report of results and of expenditures would be made, and that the layman is really in no position to pass on such matters, and that the Board, as proposed, would be the only proper mechanism to guide expenditure.

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